

With the Regulars

By JOHN A. SPRING.

After reaching Yuma we, called now for some time to come "the lost children of the desert," and also for a variation, "the babies in the woods," by our comrades, enjoyed a well-earned rest, after which we began to look about us. Our camp, where Co. A, of our battalion, had already arrived before us, was pitched in a low bottom about half a mile distant from the Colorado River, in the midst of more or less dense groves of mesquite trees, known to the botanists as "Prosopis juliflora," probably because it blooms in the month of July. This tree does not extend its habitat on the western, or California, side of the river more than about 10 miles, where the sandy desert belt begins; it grows, how-

ever, all over Southern Arizona and Sonora, Mexico, where it attains a considerable hight in low-lying places, where permanent moisture is retained; while on the dry sandy tablaland. (continuous forms) "slush."

Since the Apaches had broken out into again and again. They always say with lostility, the mail conches had been abarders. "We do not know the color of the dry sandy tablaland. (continuous forms) are supported by the sandy tablaland. r, sandy tablelands (mesas) and upon e footbills it does not exceed 10 or 15 feet in hight, and has rather more the appearance of a large bush than that of a tree It belongs to the numerous natural order of the "Mimosae;" the trunks of the trees are very crooked and grarled, as well as are very crooked and graried, as wen as the branches, and are therefore not suit-able for building purposes; the wood is very heavy, tough and hard, and suscep-tible of a fine polish, which brings out its fine grain to great advantage; as firewood it is unexcelled by any wood known, giving out a tremendous heat to such a degree that the mining smelters and ore mills using steam, which were established later on along the San Pedro River, in Arizona, refused to make use of it, claiming that it produced such a tremendous heat as to ern out the boilers much faster than any

Whether tree or bush, it produces an abundance of pods not unlike the green beans of our vegetable gardens. These pods ripen towards the middie of August (in and about Yuma a full month earlier). turn gradually yellow, and some red, and when thoroughly dry have a pleasant sour-sweet taste, resembling that of weak lemonade. When in this condition they make excellent feed for horses and hogs, and the Indians of those regions, the Yumas, Pimas, Maricopas and Papagos, gather them in large quantities, pound them in wooden mortars, and with the coarse flour or meal thus obtained prepare by boiling a sort of mush for immediate consumption while they also frequently make a dough which they bake into small cakes, about the size of our codfish balls; these they bake in hot ashes; they are quite palatable and may be kept a long while as a travel-ing or scouting ration, although to our inchs they proved to be somewhat difficult to digest.

COLORADO RIVER.

The Colorado River forms the dividing line between the State of California and The Colorado River forms the dividing the between the State of California and the Territory of Arizona; it is a considerate all times, being navigable during the rainy sensors and periods of molitor for the rainy sensors and periods of molitor mount in the Guilf or California. It is north in the Guilf or California. But the Guilf or California. But the Guilf or California. But the Guilf or Colorado River the State of the Guilf amount of the Guilf or Colorado River the State of Colorado River the Western border, the best town of the Sing of the mass shows the ground by the state of the family, who were among the first victions of which after the water code by the Guilf or the Guilf and Colorado are subject to heavy to the Guilf and Colorado are subject to heavy to the Sing of Colorado River is at its best of the mass showledged goods, it will be the subject to the western border, the best town; the western border, the best town; there is a tit best of the mass showledged goods, it will be the subject to the water code and the Guilf and Colorado are subject to heavy to the Sing Territorial Prison of Arizona, Both the Guilf and Colorado are subject to heavy to the Guilf and Colorado are subject to heavy to the Guilf and Colorado are subject to heavy to the Guilf and Colorado are subject to heavy to the Guilf and Colorado are subject to heavy to the first victions of which after the water recodes remain or which the water and the subject to the subject to the water to be consisted of the water to be consisted of the water to be consisted to the water to be consisted to the water to t merely dropping the seeds into small cavities made with a stick. The rapidly devel-

upon rafts of their making, which they call "lanchas," along these sloughs toward the river, and even crossing the latter by swimming behind the float and pushing it across. We found the Yuma men, for the most part, tall and well built, as agile in the vater as upon land, and fine marksmen with their bows and arrows, killing birds on the wing, rabbits on the run, and the fish in the shallow water of the sloughs towards sunset, when they generally re-main just below the surface. These fish we found to be very indifferent food, quite coarse and with more bones than made their eating comfortable.

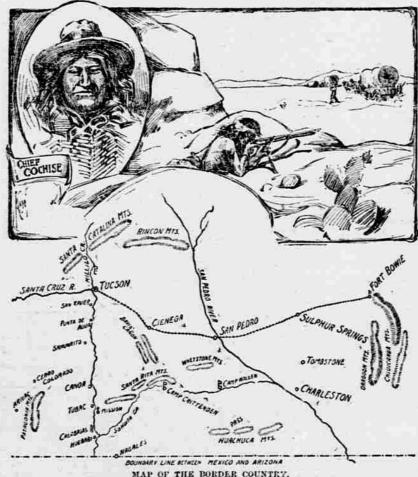
THE YUMA WOMEN.

The young Yuma women were quite pretty, with small hands and feet. All Yumas paint their faces with red and white other in straight lines and round patches, interspersed with some blue-black spots produced by the juice of a berry. The women and many of the men wore anklets, bracelets and heavy necklaces made up with a profusion of multi-colored beads and very pretty scarlet beans. All wore their hair long, the women's falling somewhat below the shoulders, while the men wore theirs braided into long strands falling over their backs, in some instances 36 inches long, and interwoven with bits of red and white cloth. The young women came into camp frequently at first, until from doing so; they were very fond of coffee, which they drank from pretty little water-tight baskets, neatly plaited from fine willow twigs and coarse grasses, and painted in various tasteful de signs or patterns. Capt. and Bvt. Lieut.-Col. Guido Ilges, who about 10 or 12 years later, surrounded and captured the Sioux under "Sitting Bull," near the Canadian frontier, was then the Captain of Co. A, and being the ranking officer present, was in command of the detachment. He considered a caution given to the men as to

Our camp, as well as the garrison and Quartermaster's building of those days, were situated on the western side of the the hill where the present Indian school is located; while a small town, now Southern Pacific, of which it is a dining station, called Yuma, was then called Ari-zona City, and did a thriving fandango and saloon business during the period of con-tinual going and coming of troops and

and the intense Summer heat proverbial to Yuma had not yet begun, I noticed that a few hours after I had brought our meat to camp in a cart from the shaughter house, it would already be fly-blown, and by the following morning showed fully-developed maggots. This was probably caused by the foul condition of the shaughter house, than which I had never seen an establishment of its kind more filthy, malodorous and disgusting; not even in the shums of the large Italian cities, nor in Egypt or Palestine, countries which I had visited with a small college contingent in 1863. This shaughter house was situated on the edge of a river slough about two miles beedge of a river slough about two miles be-reason to believe that such was the case. low our camp and swarmed with flies and Of Mr. Dewitt and his bugle we will

draft animals, arrived at the latter place much exhausted by this continuous long march over a desert strongly impregnated with alkali, the dust of which entered our nostrils and parched our throats. We saw several fine mirages during this transit several fine mirages during this transit, some in the sky in our front, representing ships at sen in full sail; others of large cities with high walls, towers and turrets, like the fortifications of the Middle Ages, but upside down, and, worst of all, beautiful landscapes with lakes surrounded by lofty trees and dense foliage that appeared to be only a few miles ahead of us and dis to be only a few miles ahead of us and directly in our path. As we were all very thirsty, I was strongly reminded of the



liberal supply of tobacco, for which they had asked. While Mr. Oatman was unlitching the foremost oxen from the doubled-up team, one Indian stabbed him from the back through the heart with a lance, while another knocked the boy on the head with a war club. The father fell dead in his tracks and the still-moving boy was dispatched with lance thrusts. Then these fiends murdered the mother and baby and left, carrying off the two girls and driving off the oxen with them. Some next to Prescott, the most important town

hair behind the ears, where the skin had remained untanned by the exposure to the sun, and noticing the hair itself as being different from all Indian hair, he investi-

gated further, and by means of an interpreter, the whole story was brought to dust, rocks, cacti, thorns, greasewood, ratlight. The girls were taken to Siskyou County and there placed with a family. MISCHIEVOUS DRUMMER BOYS.

We had with us six drummer boys, two to each company, and it would be difficult, I think, to find anywhere in the universe a set of more mischievous, impudent and all-around rascally rapscallions that these youngsters. Before our start from Yuma they had been given in charge of one Dewitt, of my company, a tall, much-freekled, very active Irish-American, whose princi-pal merit, if such it was, consisted in hav-ing "the gift of the gab very galloping." I do not know through what representa-tions he succeeded in obtaining the posisidered a caution given to the men as to abstaining from intimate intercourse with these women quite timely.

Our camp, as well as the garrison and Quartermaster's building of those days, draws websterers for that matter, on any draws websterers. drum whatever; he could, however, blow ; feeble resemblance to a bugle call, and al-ways carried a specimen of the infantry school is located; while a small town, now bugle of those days, an immense instru-much developed and reached by crossing ment constructed of copper, much adorned the substantial railway bridge of the with blue cords and tassels, about with

him.

At Gila Bend, where we camped near
the first Indians we beheld since leaving
Yuma, the deviltry of our drum corps,
whose instruments, by the way, were car-There was no bridge of any kind spanning the river at the time I speak of, but a man named Jacger had established a ferry between the two places, and transported men, horses, wagons, stores etc. ferry between the two places, and transported men, horses, wagons, stores, etc., from shore to shore by contract with the Government, charging a considerable fare to civiliars. He was also the beef contractor of the garrison and furnished all the fresh meat for the troops in transit.

Although we were yet in early Spring, and the intense Summer heat proverbial to Yuma had not yet begun, I noticed that a

tuse of a plow, helped in the ascent of the wagons by helped in the ascent of the wagons by pushing and manipulating the wheel spokes, for which services they received a Went along, we occupied 17 hours in this Yuma does the liberal supply of tobacco, for which they had asked. While Mr. Oatman was uppletely worn out with fatigue; for it must

driving off the oxen with them. Some next to Prescott, the most important town years later the two girls, now grown in Arizona—which was not saying much. women, were obtained through barter from a roving band of Indians, who had capinto a valley where there was a house and

brilliant emerald green.

We all experienced a feeling of great relief and almost delight as we beheld these signs of civilized life after encountering for so long a period nothing but sand, tlesnakes and the enormous venomous liz-

and began to clean up.

TUCSON IN 1866. wands of the candlewood (Fouguiera splen-dens), the chinks being filled in with mud plaster. With the exception of the solddiers and teamsters in transit, there were not over a dozen American men in the town, and not one American woman. The doors of many houses consisted of rawsides stretched over rough frames, the win dows being simply apertures in the walls, barred with upright sticks stuck therein, The aspect of the town reminded me for-cibly of the small hatalets I had seen in Holy Land, the more so as the women all half-breeds, wore about the same dress as the Palestine women and carried upon their heads water-jars of the exact pattern

use in the Orient. We soon discovered, however, that the languid state of inactivity and silence pre-vailing in the villages about Jerusalem did not exist here. When I visited the town towards evening, in order to present our ration return to the Commissary of Subsistence (Capt. Gilbert C. Smith) with a iew of obtaining our rations, I found that the one street of Tucson was fairly bub-bling with life and motion. Its whole length was taken up by a long train of army wagons and another of "prairie schooners," carrying flour from Sonora, Mexico, while heavily-loaded hay wagons were trying to make their way to the Gov-ernment corral, where numberless horses were trying to make their way to the Government corral, where numberless horses and mules were continually coming and going, as the Quartermaster's Department of this place was the chief depot of supplies for all the military posts of Southern Arizona. Cursing teamsters, rollicking solof this place was the chief depot of sup-plies for all the military posts of Southern

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NEWS.

brewery, an Italian purchased cartridges at succeeded in untying the ropes that guns and the accompanying metallic cart-ridges. In view of this latter fact, Lipo-

coveted beverage. women, were obtained through barter from a roving band of Indians, who had captured them from the Apaches, and were brought to Yuma. To all appearances they had become Indians themselves, in complexion, manners and language; they no longer spoke or understood their mother on ve had the valley in sight all the time, and would have remained "Indians" forever, had not the blacksmith of the place, who had known the Oatman family in Texas a short time before the tragedy, and remained in Yuma all these themselves are the place, who had known the object the place who had known the object the place who had known the Oatman family in Texas a short time before the tragedy, and remained in Yuma all these the place who had known the Oatman family in Texas a short time before the tragedy, and remained in Yuma all these there was a house and into a valley where there was a house and into a valley where there was a house and into a valley where there was a house and into a valley where there was a house and for town with 10 packages of the town with 10 packages of the place tightly strapped under my belt, from which I had removed the sword. The night was very dark and the path through the surrounding bushes uncertain and understood their mother on ve had the valley in sight all the time, and were not a little delighted at its aspect; here and there were small fields of the place, who had known the Oatman family in Texas a short time before the which precedes the ripening of the cars, while the cottonwood trees standing along the borders of the river presented to the blacksmith of the place who had the path through the surrounding bushes uncertain and understood the surrounding bushes uncertain an A COLD BATH. quite cold and reached up to my neck.

After the first shock I began feeling for the shore, which I soon touched and found to be a steep, or rather perpendicular, bank. While I was setting forth every effort toward reaching terra firms by climb-ing, a tremendous splash in my rear sudma suspectum, road-runners (chaparral cocks), and now and then a tarantula, lazi-cocks), and now and then a tarantula, lazi-cocks and the dusty road. went into camp in a grove of mesquite other than our commanding officer, Byt. bushes about one-quarter of a mile south of the town. Here we discharged our rifles town, had struck a bee-line for and began to clean up.

town, had struck a bee-line for camp, tak-ing as his guiding star the light shining in the tent of Lipowitz, and tumbled into the The Tucson of those days had but one pond on the side opposite to mine. I loosergular street, now called Main Street. The buildings which deserved the name of houses were of adobe with flat mud roofs; those of the poorer class of Mexicans were constructed of mesquite poles and the long tracted the attention of the Major, who

called out: "Who is there?" "Serg't Spring." I answered. "Please come and help me out of this infernal hole," said he; "the bank is so steep I can't get out."

"All right, Major," I made answer; "just vait one moment; I think I'm getting out." In this latter undertaking I soon succeeded by taking hold of an overhanging willow branch. I then pulled out Maj, system.

Brown and accompanied him back to camp in order to put ba dry clothing and renew in order to put ba dry clothing and renew smoking, drinking or after eating onions the discarded automunition. Then I start-ed anew, and taking great care to circum-Charcoal effectually clears and improve vent the water hole, arrived safely in town, where I found the information of Tailor Lutje confirmed. The cartridges were dis-posed of; I purchised six bottles of beer It absorbs the the less said about its quality the better), which I put into a barley suck for greater test mouth and throat from the poison convenience in carrying, and arrived with of catarrh.

out accident at Lipowitz's tent, to his great relief, joy and delectation. The muster rolls now progressed finely and were ready and the most for the money is in Stuart's in good time. While on this night expediin good time. While on this night expedition I noticed three dance-houses with the customary game of chance in full swing in town and saw that Tueson was about as

Arizona. Cursing teamsters, rollicking soldiers, rustling gamblers and the usual nondescripts of a groutier town jostled each other in the narrow street, devoid of sidewalks.

As soon as I had received and loaded up the street of the street

dering to us their quarters, which consisted of comfortable huts constructed by them-selves of stones, boards, cactus sticks, mes-quite branches, etc., and more or less fau-cifully furnished with articles of their own andicraft. One of them gave me a welllled woolen mattress which outlasted my term of service.

The New Mexican Volunteers remained

his job and rank, took their two buglers in hand, making the attempt to teach them the bugle cails. For this undertaking the commanding officer assigned to them a small canyon at a safe distance, whence our eardrums could not be penetrated nor our nervous systems endangered. From the time that we had reached the Pima village. our partons spelland not be penetrated nor our nervous systems endangered. From the time that we had reached the Pina village of the control of the parton o

gundy wine, presented me with a small col-lection of vegetable seeds and some fish-lection of vegetable seeds and some fishlection of vegetable seeds and some invery hooks and lines, all of which came in very good stead later on. His home was a veritable oasis in the desert.

selected for their marksmanship.

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Before we leave Tucson, I will relate an incident, aithough it reflects but hadly upon the writer, as a non-commissioned officer of the Regular Army, supposed to be a representative of military discipline. I hope, now-cer, that at least those of my readers who may have found themselves in similar circumstances during their service, may feel inclined to attenuate and forgive my breach of discipline committed under "a terrible temptation." I was in a measure punished on the spot by fulling into the only water hole existing in that dry region within a radius of about 100 miles, excepting, of course, the Santa Cruz River, which lad a few places where the water was, perhaps, a little over four feet deep.

As previously mentioned, we arrived at Theson on April 28, and the day following the next would be mustered day. I was assisting the First Sergeant in the preparation of the muster folls in a rickety wall-set at once, about 8:30 p. m., Private Lutje, our conventions of the muster large per pairs. The officers quarters and storerooms of the A. Q. M. and A. C. T. being found in leaking and otherwise unsatisfactory continued the action of the muster of military discipline. I hope, now-cer, that at least those of my readers who may have found themselves in similar circumstances during their service, may feel inclined to attenuate and forgive my breach of discipline committed under "a terrible temptation." I was in a measure punished on the spot by fulling into the only water hole existing in that dry region within a radius of about 100 miles, excepting, of course, the Santa Cruz River, which ladd a few places where the water was, perhaps, a little over four feet deep.

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pended the remnant of his cash at the beer shop when he came. He stated, however, that in a little grocery opposite the was related that during the night Cochis \$1 per package. Now we had about 3,000 him and with a knife he carried hidden in rounds of these cartridges (the paper cart. his buckskin leggings, ripped open the rear ridges of the Springfield riflet, which we were lugging along, although we knew that we were soon to be provided with needlemorning, when the wily Indian must have been miles away. Mr. Kata did not take shannon St., Van Wert, Ohio. been miles away. Mr. Kate did not take much stock in this story, and told us that witz thought we might spare about 100 or many recitals then affout about Cochise so, wherewith to satisfy our desire for the and his doings were much garbled and un reliable, in many cases made up for the purpose of entertaining and quizzing "ten-derfeet." Later on I found that this was indeed the case, and it was a very difficult matter to sift the truth from falsehood, history from romance. It was undoubtedly true that Cochise was then, at the time of our reaching Arizona, a bloodthirsty murderer and robber, who perpetrated with his tribe generally divided into small bands, the greatest atrocities in the most cowardly manner of assassins, never dar-ing to fight in the open, but always waylaying the unwary travelers from ambush in the road, stabbing the farmers suddenly from behind with a lance from a convinient hiding place, and then murdering i cold blood his family and burning all hi property that could not be carried off. All this was, indeed, so; but it was equally true, as I ascertained from many reliable settlers, that, up to the Winter of 1857 Cochise had lived at peace with all the whites on the American side of the boun-dary line, which was established by stone monuments at certain distances fro other after the ratification of the

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This staughter house was stillated on the edge of a river slough about two miles believe that such was the case. low our camp and swarmed with flies and maketos. Its stench poisoned the atmosphere to a great distance.

MARCH THROUGH THE APACHE COUNTRY.

Our wagons, teams, rations and camp equipage being at last ready, we resumed our march towards Arizona on March 9, Co. A going with us. Being ferried across the way. Our men, and principally our single part of the sound same edge of a river slough about two miles behavior of the young sinners, I had every eason to believe that such was the case. As soon as I had received and loaded up our rations, of which the long-untasted and our rations of the fourth day we reached Sulvations. The fourth day we reached Sulvations, and at sunset of the fourth day we reached Sulvations, and at sunset of the fourth day we reached Sulvations, and at sunset of the fourth day we reached Sulvations, and at sunset of the fourth day we reached Sulvations, and at sunset of the fourth day we reached Sulvations, and at sunset of the fourth day we reached Sulvations, and at sunset of the fourth day we reached Sulvations, and at sunset of the fourth day we reached Sulvations, and at sunset of the fourth day we reached Sulvations, and at sunset of the fourth day we reached Sulvations, and at sunset of the fourth day we reached Sulvations, and at sunset of the fourth day we reached Sulvations, and at sunset of the fourth day we reached Sulvations, and at sunset of the fourth day we reached Sulvations, and at sunset of the fourth day we reached Sulvations, and at sunset of the fourth day we reached Sulva

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